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TO: JCS WASH DC

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Ref: A: EC 9-3513 dtd 29 Jun 59 (forwards COB 254).
B. EC 9-3600 dtd 3 Jul 59 (forwards COB 257).

COB 258, dtd 8 Jul 59, is quoted for your information.

"COB-258.

This msg in IV parts.

Part I. Following written msg (USCOB comments added)
delivered to Gen Hamlett afternoon 7 Jul from Col Koroi, act-
ing Commander of Soviet Garrison, Berlin.

"Dear Gen Hamlett:

Lately there have taken place serious violations
of Quadripartite agreements on the part of American military
authorities and individual officials of the American Army in
connection with the use of communications between West Berlin
and West Germany. The main violations consist of deliberate
deviations from the prescribed routes by military and civilian
personnel; illegal transportation of suspicious individuals in
military freight and passenger trains into the German Democratic
Republic; careless preparation of travel orders. Here are the
facts:

1. On 2 June 59, Rouillard and enlisted man
driving through checkpoint Nowawas in car 1-3578 at 0905 hrs,
deviated from the route prescribed for him and tried to cross
the border of GDR in the area of Juchhoech. (USCOB comment-
statement true, EM last enroute-documentation correct). On
16 Jun 59, Sgt Nichols incharge of a truck with a trailer,-
cleared through checkpoint Nowawas at 0600 hrs and also de-
viated from the route to Helmstedt and returned to checkpoint
Nowawas at 1330 hrs on 16 Jun 59. (USCOB comment-statement
true, vehicle strayed from route-documentation correct-see BC
msg D-649.).

2. AT 0238 hr, 6 Jun 59 at the railroad check-

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point Marienborn, German national Kurt Fischer was discovered among the crates on a flat car of the American train N-637 and removed from it in the presence of train commander Lt Ghirardelli. This person tried to enter illegally the German Democratic Republic. (USCOB comment-See BC msg D-585).

3. American servicemen and civilian employees are trying to proceed through checkpoints into West Berlin and from West Berlin to West Germany with expired movement orders and improperly prepared travel orders. (USCOB comment-It is policy for checkpoint Military Police to remake faulty- or incorrect translations on the spot). Thus, a civilian employee Wishiski tried to go to Berlin on 17 April without having a signature on her travel orders. (USCOB comment-Presumed to be wife of Sgt Wisniski stationed West Germany-state- ment being investigated-no trouble recorded on MP records of transit). A civilian employee Ralph Turnipseed persistently tried on 30 May to go to West Berlin, through checkpoint Marienborn on expired movement orders. (USCOB comment-No trouble recorded on MP records of transit). Similar attempts were made by Sgt David Shildt (9 April), Pvt Kenneth Spencer and Robert Fial (29 April), Fred Bernet (7th and 23rd May), Pvt Charles Grant, Jerry Anthony, Jack Sanders (16 May). (USCOB comment-Shildt and Spencer made transit but no difficulties recorded, Bernet made routine transit on 7th but no record of travel on 23rd, no record of Grant, Anthony or Sanders making transit although they were possible passengers in convoy. Further investigation underway).

4. We consider as very serious the constant violations of the borders of the outer circle of greater Berlin by American helicopters. Thus, on 5 Jun 59 at 0910 hrs in the area of Altglienicke a helicopter with American markings violated the border of the outer circle of greater Berlin by penetrating the territory of GDR and afterwards hovering at low altitude over a military checkpoint. The violation of the outer circle of greater Berlin by American helicopters took place on 4th, 13th and 22nd of May and also on the 1st and 8th of Jun 59. (USCOB comment-Chief of Air Section states that no time have helicopters crossed zone or sector borders- this protest invalid since if actions occurred they were within flight plans filed with Berlin Air Safety Center which control Berlin control zone as area for flights. Base Soviet representatives have made no complaints). This practice of American military authorities might cause undesirable consequences. In connection with the indicated illegal activities of American military authorities, individual servicemen and civilian employees, I lodge a strong protest and request that you adopt DA IN 229347 (11 JUL 59)

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proper measures in order to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents in the future which complicate the work of our checkpoints.

Respectfully S/Korol
Colonel Korol,
Acting Commander of the Soviet Garrison in Berlin"

Part II

This message from Soviet acting commandant appears to contradict his statement in letter last week that incidents occurring on Autobahn outside their sphere of influence. ~~Dear COB 2254.~~ This shotgun protest could be a round-about way answering USCOB letter of 2 Jul 59 (COB-25-) or merely crude way even up score on complaints.

Part III

In due course intend make factual reply Soviet complaints this letter.

Part IV

This msg regraded UNCLASSIFIED 8 JUL 60."

NOTE: 9-3600 is DA IN 227482 (3 Jul 59) JCS
9-3513 is DA IN 226291 (29 Jun 59) JCS
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